

"I am a Finish!" Declares Ban Johnson Before Addressing Minor Leaguers in Session in Kansas City

**BAN JOHNSON
DECLARES FOR
FINISH WAR**

Says Clubs Sticking to Him
Are 'the Only Decent
Ones.'

MAKES PLEA TO MINORS

**National League 'Has No
Stomach for a Fight.'**

Is His Opinion.

REPRISALS THREATENED

**Judge Landis Is Still Consid-
ering Offer to Head Board
of Control.**

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 9.—The minor
baseball leaguers have heard the plea
of the American League majority.
To-morrow morning they will listen
to a verbal presentation of the cause
espoused by the "big eleven," the
eight National Leaguers and the three
minority American League owners.

It was late this afternoon when Ban
Johnson appeared before the minor
leaguers in open meeting. The Ameri-
can League president spoke briefly
and then presented George W. Miller,
attorney of the American League. Mr.
Miller spoke eloquently and appealingly
and when he left the stand it was
evident that his statement of the in-
ternal dissension in the minor leaguers
foundly impressed the minor leaguers.

With a unanimous toward the "big
eleven," Mr. Miller told of the Chicago
meeting Monday. Nowhere in his talk
to the minors was there a line of
venom toward the opposition. Rather
his talk was an appeal carrying all
through it the hope that the breach
would be healed and harmony es-
tablished.

Mr. Miller did not ask the support
of the minors, but pleaded for a commit-
tee of three members of the National
Association to meet with an American
League committee and then invite
the National League and the American
League committee that baseball men
may solve the troubles of baseball. Let
us try. Then if we fail we'll split and
let the victor have the field. But if
we fail, that is not our fault. It is
the fault of the league.

Frequent applause greeted pertinent
points in Mr. Miller's address. The "Big
Eleven" may have supporters among
the minors, but it is not until every
effort has failed.

The American League committee—Al-
though the committee is not yet formed,
Mr. Johnson said it will appear before
the minors at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.
The probability is that the minors will
take no side, advising the major league
clubs which joined the revision of the
minors to a conference. At the same
time it would not be surprising if the
minors appoint a committee to meet with
the proposed big league committees.

War to a Finish.

Throughout the big gathering of minors
and majors the sentiment seems to pre-
vail that the troubles of the majors will
not be patched up. Baseball men gen-
erally find it difficult to believe that the
smart owners of big league clubs will
let the game drift on the rocks of discord
and sea of ruin.

Yet there are prominent baseball men
and veteran baseball writers, too, who
are beginning to lose faith and believe
that the breach is irreparable.

Upon his arrival here to-day Mr.
Johnson declared that it would be a war
to a finish and that clubs would be es-
tablished in Chicago, Boston and New
York next season to take the places of
the clubs which joined the revision of the
minors to a conference. His state-
ment follows:

"We are prepared to give them all of
the battle they want. The American
League is going above its head and
will have clubs in the eight cities which
have composed its circuit for years. We
will not back up for a second.

"War, in my judgment, is the best
cleanser. I am for it. As I believe it
will clean up baseball it cleans up
everything else. What the game really
needs is to be cleaned of some of its
undesirable club owners, who have been
a detriment because they openly allowed
gambling in their baseball parks.

"The National League never had any
stomach for a fight. It is an impossi-
ble organization. Its policy ruined the
old National Commission because John
K. Tener, the former league president,
could not get along with Chairman Her-
mann of the commission.

"The five clubs in the American
League which remained with me are the
only decent element in the major leagues.
They have fought with me to stamp out
the gambling evil. I got no assistance
whatever from the others."

Criticizes A. D. Lasker.

Mr. Johnson, in his address to the
minor leaguers, characterized A. D. Lasker
of Chicago, sponsor of the Lasker
plan for baseball reorganization, as "one
who has not shed his swaddling clothes
from baseball," and declared that the
minors should not show any partiality
to either side in the major league dis-
pute.

The political shakedown in the National
Association of Minor Leaguers failed to
materialize to-day when the league
presidents elected officers. John H.
Farrell of Auburn, N. Y., who was
elected to be ousted from office, was re-
elected secretary and treasurer for a
third of ten years.

Mr. H. Sexton of Rock Island, Ill.,
was re-elected president. The minor
leaguers plan to place the president on
a salary of \$5,000 annually and have
a full-time manager. Mr. Sexton is
the management of the minors' af-
fairs. Heretofore Mr. Sexton served
without compensation and devoted only
a little time to league affairs. Mr.
Farrell was a candidate to succeed Sec-
retary Farrell, but his supporters failed
to muster enough votes.

John H. Martin of Memphis, Tenn.,

Detroit Is Expected to Be the Twelfth Club in New League

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.
DETROIT, Nov. 9.—Detroit will be the twelfth club of the
National League if the warring baseball factions do not settle their
differences. This is the unanimous opinion of those who appear to be
in touch with the situation. The National League would not dare to invade
minor league territory, for such an act would at once make an enemy of the
minors—a thing not to be thought of. There is no way out of it but to invade
American League territory, and Detroit is the only available city in the
American League where two major clubs could survive, it is said.

Any attempt to place a club in Cleveland by the National League would
be an act of folly. It would not compete with the Cleveland World Champions.
Cleveland fans who attended a National League game there would be considered
traitors. Having won their first world's championship, the Indians have
won the heart of Cleveland as well, according to one authority.

Detroit is big enough and enthusiastic enough to support a pair of teams,
and if a National League team is placed here in an orderly manner and in
friendly rivalry with the Tigers, without its games conflicting with those of
the American League club, it is certain that both would draw good support.
If the new club is located here, it will probably play in Mack Park.

Johnson's Localists Face Only Absolute Surrender

**Situation Points to Adjustment of Quarrel—American
League's Acceptance of War Would Mean
Financial Ruin.**

By DANIEL.

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THERE is no doubt that those who are behind the new twelve club Na-
tional League are determined to go through with their programme.

But they are determined to do so only if they are forced to—and

we do not think that they will be forced. They have Ban Johnson and his

supporters just where they want them. What remains of the American

League will have to surrender or face financial ruin—and we know that base-
ball club owners are not particularly fond of any kind of ruin. Very often it

takes a great deal to make some of them realize that they stand on the brink,
but once they appreciate their position they are rather quick to beat a re-
treat to safety. That was demonstrated rather acutely in the Federal League

war. We are going to see a lot of threatening action by both sides and read
a lot of threatening talk, but in the long run there will be no war. Neither

side can afford it, and what is left of the American League can afford it far
less than the new lineup of the National League.

Johnson and his colleagues thought that the National League and the
American League insurgents were indulging in a game of bluff, but it did
not take them very long to learn otherwise on Monday. Now Johnson stands

in the position of the man who went out on a possum hunt and found himself
alone holding the bag at 3 in the morning, with the gang about ten miles
away waiting to greet him with loud guffaws.

Johnson now will take his little trudge through the dark woods. His
talk of organizing a new eight club league—taking in Baltimore or Toronto
and putting a third team into New York and Chicago—doesn't even sound
good. It will not work out. New York, for one, would not stand for a John-
sonian club, and no league purporting to be a major outfit can get along
without New York. Those who backed the Federal League learned that fact
only too late, and the learning thereof was poignant, indeed.

The situation in the American League.

As the American League stands this morning it is composed of Cleve-
land. That city holds the world's title and has a really formidable lot of
players. But St. Louis, Detroit, Washington and Philadelphia, segregated
from the rest of the league, look like thirty cents in the new porcelain cur-
rency of the Germans. The four clubs named looked bad enough when their
individual shortcomings were glossed over in a great measure by the re-
flected rays from the New York, Boston, Chicago and Cleveland teams. But,
standing alone, four-fifths of the Loyal Five are next to impossible for con-
sideration as the best part of a major league. They would not be as strong
as the Western League before it was converted into the American League.

Ban Johnson knows that. His supporters know it. They face a losing fight.
They haven't even as much chance as the Federal League had, and we all
know with what small chance that really was favored.

Three-fourths of the money value of the American League lies in the
three clubs which have left it—temporarily, we hope. Seven-eighths of the
financial strength and popular support in the major leagues may be found
in the new alignment of the National. Half of the American League players
who really count are members of the insurgent trio. Players of major league
calibre are scarcer than ever before. Financial support for new baseball ven-
tures will be next to impossible to obtain. Lessons taught by the Federal
League and the many league wars of the past seasons have not been lost.

The American League five are in a pocket. They had better give up while
the surrendering is good.

What the National League is Seeking.

What is it, after all, that the National League and the New York, Chi-
cago and Boston clubs of the American League ask the Loyal Five to do?
They are not asking them for money; for action which would reduce the
value of any club in the game; for the ousting of any league head; for the
surrender of any players; for the adoption of legislation which would be
detrimental to either league. They ARE asking for the adoption of a plan
which would be their own funeral. They learned in an understanding where-
by the presence of any canker in either league would be condoned be-
cause of political reasons or because of the weak structure of the governing
body; they demand protection for the game, the public and their investments;
and they seek an alliance whereby minor league baseball would be benefited
by this general housecleaning. If the truth were told it would be found that
the minors need a cleaning up more than do the majors, for minor league
baseball has reeked with scandal these last three years.

If the minors do not reach an agreement with the National League it
will be their own funeral. They learned in two years of operation without an
agreement with the majors that they were not in a position to run along on
their own. They found that the loss in money alone in the not long ago
found, too, that they were not competent to run their own affairs. They
found that crooks who were run out of the Pacific Coast League were signed
in the Southern League; that scandal was running loose in nearly every
minor league in the country. That's how competent the guiding hands in the
minors were.

Judge Landis Has Qualities Which Baseball Needs.

When the smoke of battle clears it will be found that we will have an
eight club National League and an eight club American League, unchanged
in composition from those which we have last season. We will have a Board
of Control for major and minor league baseball, with Judge Landis at the
head. John Heydler will administer affairs in his own league and Ban John-
son will preside over his circuit, but neither will have the last say. They will
not be members of the Board of Control.

Judge Landis is a fine man for the job, but he does not entirely meet
our conception of the requirements. We could name a number of men who
could fill the position better, but the Judge will do. He will command re-
spect, and let us say that he will be fearless. His judicial decisions have
been respected from those which he has rendered in the public. Witness his finding the Standard
Oil Company \$26,000,000. He is determined, clean, honest. Baseball needs
these qualities in the highest tribunal.

president of the Southern Association, was
elected vice-president.

Preliminary to election the league
presidents discussed the advisability of
organization. It was decided to pass a
strict law providing for prison sen-
tences for persons convicted of bribing
a baseball player to "throw" games.
The proposal was referred to a com-
mittee on resolutions, which meets to-
morrow.

**PITTSBURG SEEKS TO
JOIN THE AMERICAN**

PITTSBURG, Nov. 9.—There is a strong
probability of this city being added to
the American League circuit, according
to officials of the defunct Federal League
club. William T. McCullough, who was
secretary and business manager of the
Pittsburgh team that just lost the pen-
ultimate of 1919 by a game at Chicago,
said that Pittsburgh, interested in join-
ing another major league team here
"have not been asleep."

Mr. McCullough intimated that an op-
tion already had been secured on a plot
of ground in an ideal location and that
a modern grandstand would be erected
in time to start the season if Pittsburgh
obtained a franchise in the American
League.

According to Mr. McCullough, when
the first signs of stress appeared on the
horizon of organized baseball, and a
rupture was threatened, local big league
teams got in touch with the Ameri-
can Leaguers that are standing "pat."
and are strongly urging their claims for
franchise. He is known to be in close
touch with "Reddy" Calkins, who was
manager of the old Federal League club
here. About a year ago Calkins asked
Barney Dreyfuss to put a "price on the

IS NOT FEARED

**Johnson Threats in That Re-
gard Bring Only Smiles
From Club Owners.**

By WILLIAM B. HANNA.

Baseball is in for stormy and quite
likely non-prosperous times if the pre-
sented disruption lasts and actual war re-
sults. The game will receive a setback
it won't get over in a day, but maybe a
setback will be a good thing in the long
run. In a financial way at least, for the
commercial and financial side was get-
ting out of proportion and developing a
lavish scale which needed curbing.

Further, the war was eliminating certain
of the present baseball element it will be
additionally good.

If that reform does come then good
will come out of the war, if war eventu-
ally comes. The thing that is feared is
the form of a reconstructed government such
as the progressive, live element known
as the allied eleven are fighting for.

That way. According to latest
advices from the West, the minors were
divided on the Lasker plan, some being
against it and some for it. The result
is not a good war while we're about
it, so let the minors draw the sword,
too, if they want to.

Likelihood of peace had not vanished
yesterday. A good deal of the war was
open for the Johnsons to recant, drop
their noseback attitude and come in
with a new attitude.

Motor Corp. with his usual brilliant
display of early foot, sped to the lead
at the ragged start. He was followed
by Exodus, Hilbur and Audacious, and
the second division that was lengthened.

At the home turn Motor Corp. tired
slightly from his pace making effort
and Exodus, still in the lead, rode
toward him. In the final eighth Exodus
found little difficulty taking the lead
and drawing away to a two-length vic-
tory. The keen battle for place honors
fell to Motor Corp. and Exodus, who
Crack took fourth, lengths back. The
others were never serious contenders
after the poor start.

Intermittent light rains fell through-
out the afternoon, but had no effect on
the attendance, which was of its usual
generous proportions. Surprises were
plentiful in the form of liberal priced
winners. The modest feature was to
Bullseye of the Hal Fair, which rep-
resentative, showed the way in the early
part, but swerved repeatedly after the
first circuit, where Bullseye took com-
mand. At the finish he was doing his
best to hold on to the lead. The Trout's de-
termined challenge. Ireland was easily
third.

Love Tap, capably handled by the
promising apprentice, Gruney, got up
well, but Exodus, who was in the lead,
honors over Bromelia, Irish Abess,
which had been unfortunate at the start,
and ten others.

Nightstick scored the day's most pop-
ular victory when he took the sixth
easily under Enso's handling.

Elmont was another winner at long
odds when he won the fifth under Enso's
handling. He was in the lead during
the running.

Sands sent Thimble to an immediate
lead in the third, a mile event for juve-
niles, and the opposition forces were
driven back. The drive was made by
from Vic, Hard Guess and seven
others. Sammy Jay bled during the
running and was eased up.

W. H. Buckner took the final in a
race of six over Sista, Great Gull
and five others.

Enso cancelled his engagement to
ride Audacious in the fourth race be-
cause of slight lameness. He recovered
time to pilot Nightstick in the sixth race.

LOUISVILLE RESULTS.

First Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Second Race—Purse, \$1,200; maiden fillies;
two-year-olds; six furlongs; Col. Quinn,
112 (Connelly), \$4.40, \$3.20 and \$2.00, first;
Blanche Mae, 112 (Gracy), \$3.00 and \$2.00,
second; 112 (Connelly), \$3.10, third.

Third Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Fourth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Fifth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Sixth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Seventh Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Eighth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Ninth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Tenth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Eleventh Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twelfth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Thirteenth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Fourteenth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Fifteenth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Sixteenth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Seventeenth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Eighteenth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Nineteenth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twentieth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-first Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-second Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-third Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-fourth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-fifth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-sixth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-seventh Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-eighth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Twenty-ninth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Thirtieth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Thirty-first Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
umbia Tenn. 112 (T. 213), 113 (Buel), \$6.50
and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
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Thirty-second Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
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and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
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year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
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and \$5, second, Louis A. 104 (Mooney),
\$3.00.

Thirty-fourth Race—Purse, \$1,200; claiming; three-
year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Col-
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